



Frank Kinney Park

Mail-in Survey REPORT
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BACKGROUND

Improvements to Frank Kinney Park are funded by the Parks and Open Space bond measure passed in 1998 by area residents. The 1989 Eugene Parks and Recreation Master Plan lists the following under High Priority Proposed Actions: "Kinney Neighborhood Park: Develop as a neighborhood park and provide a trailhead to the Ridgeline trail". In preparation for the 1998 Parks and Open Space bond measure, the Mayor's Committee placed Frank Kinney Park on the list of neighborhood parks, along with 17 others citywide, to be improved with bond funding.

On November 21, 2002, City of Eugene Parks Planning staff hosted the first neighborhood workshop to discuss upcoming improvements to Frank Kinney Park. The first workshop included a brief presentation on the project, the process, and the context of the park. This was followed by a general, informal discussion of issues and ideas relating to park improvements. Goals for the evening included 1) providing information to the neighborhood, and; 2) gathering ideas for a new park development plan.

A low workshop turn-out (5 neighbors out of 825 invitations), in addition to the demographics of the respondents (adjacent park residents), suggested that another round of neighborhood-wide needs assessment was necessary to increase confidence that a representative opinion was heard. The workshop attendees clearly had a strong opinion in favor of little or no improvements in the park. Staff suggested that a range of low- and minimal-impact design options be posted to all service area residents prior to a second workshop. Design options were to emphasize preservation and enhancement of natural features, provide for and support passive recreation uses, and provide clear, safe and accessible pedestrian access through the park.

SURVEY AND DISTRIBUTION

The survey instrument (see Exhibit A) was a 1/3 sheet questionnaire printed on card stock with a "no postage necessary" business reply mail certification. This was done to encourage participation and increase the likelihood of a representative response.

The survey was accompanied by a letter (see Exhibit B) describing the results of the first workshop and explaining the purpose of the survey. The letter also invited participants to a second

workshop, held on February 27, 2002 (see workshop report). On the back of the letter, a copy of the draft concept plan illustration (see Exhibit C) was provided for reference. To simplify the process, rather than sending out multiple design options, staff elected to send out one low-impact concept plan with further options for multiple levels of implementation (see survey question #1), as well as questions aimed at getting more general design feedback.

The survey was mailed first class on February 7th, 2002 (20 days prior to the second workshop), to approximately 825 addresses within ½ mile of Frank Kinney Park. The service area for neighborhood parks is considered ½ mile walking distance, factoring in physical barriers such as significant streets, waterways, private property, etc. The same group of households receiving surveys also received invitations to the first neighborhood workshop.

INTENT OF SURVEY

The survey was intended to assess general opinions throughout the park service area about improvements to Frank Kinney Park. The key question arising from the first workshop appeared to be: what level of change is the neighborhood comfortable with? The most important question, however, that must be answered in order to adequately and fairly insure the provision of public service is: what are the neighborhood's recreational needs and preferred recreational uses? In assessing the results, therefore, it is a question of determining the strongest needs and preferences, and the extent to which they should be represented in the park. The design process must then find appropriate ways, if necessary, to balance differing needs so that they may most effectively coexist. Due to the response of the first workshop, however, a "no improvements" option was included in the survey to assess the level of support for this opinion.

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

Overall, **142** responses were received. Out of 825 surveys mailed, approximately 35 were returned via return service for various reasons (vacancy, false address, etc.), for a total of 790 assumed valid recipients. The calculated response rate was about 18%, or slightly higher than several other surveys conducted by POS Planning during the past 3 years.

Overall, **136** respondents answered the first question regarding the preferred level of development in the park relative to the proposed concept plan. The responses were distributed as follows:

<u>1. Please pick your preferred level of park improvements (check one)</u>	
Everything	51 (36%)
Everything except the playground	12 (8%)
Everything except the playground and entry	19 (13%)
No improvements - leave as is	47 (33%)
Needs more	13 (9%)
<i>no response marked</i>	6

ANALYSIS

The distribution of responses to question #1 suggests that nearly half of the respondents are comfortable with the level of development proposed in the draft concept plan, or would like to see more. Just over half of the respondents, on the other hand, expressed a desire for a lower level of development.

Of the respondents seeking “no improvements”, approximately 1/3 cite current economics, that the money should be spent elsewhere or given to schools, or similar financial concerns. Another 1/3 of “no improvement” respondents cite preservation of native forest and meadows and the “natural feel” of the park as a primary reason. Other reasons include increase in use, traffic impact, parking and safety.

Several issues and desires were common to many respondents, regardless of their preferred level of development. These include the following:

- Preservation and enhancement of natural areas is a high priority
- Fixing up the running trail is a high priority
- Use by dog owners is currently high: dogs off leash and dog waste is a problem
- Basic park amenities such as benches and trash receptacles are needed
- Concrete paving is generally perceived as incompatible with the park’s natural setting

Several other items were alternatively supported or opposed, for various reasons, as follows:

- Children’s playground
- Bridge
- Disabled access

These items were supported by a substantial enough portion of the respondents to highlight them as a recreational need and/or desire. The opposition to, or lack of need for, these items suggests that they need to be carefully balanced in the way they are implemented, and not done to the exclusion of other needs and desires, including the natural feel of the park.

The following items were generally listed as a low priority:

- Park entry and info panel

The low support for this item, combined with the high priority placed on natural area preservation and restoration, indicates that it could be omitted from the planning process without excluding a significant, expressed need or desire within the neighborhood.

Although some strong opinions were expressed that the will of the overall neighborhood was not being served with a minimal design, they were rare. The concept plan provides the lowest level of public amenities among those proposed thus far for a POS bond-funded neighborhood park. Despite this, few respondents expressed recreational needs or desires that were not included in the concept plan. This may be an indication that the current concept plan could achieve an appropriate level of service without additional features.

FINDINGS

The survey results, though not unified on issues of specific improvements, do show a strong preference for a particularly sensitive approach to the design of public amenities. Responses in favor of low or no impact should be carefully considered, but not to the exclusion of strongly expressed needs within the neighborhood. Further discussion should be aimed at pinpointing specific issues to preserve the natural feel of the park, as well as narrowing the focus of how access and other needs can be provided harmoniously to guide a revision of the draft concept plan.

WRITTEN RESPONSES

The following are actual written responses to survey questions, unedited and transcribed directly from surveys received. Responses are sorted based on responses to question #1, in the order they appear on the survey.

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which the response to question #1 was marked "Everything (as shown in Concept Plan)":

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Native plants, enhanced woodland; Playground for children!
- Playground! With young child a playground close to home is very important!
- Playground!
- I like the idea of a small playground. When school is in session, playgrounds are hard to find around here.
- Preserve and enhance existing woodlands, adding native trees and plants
- Playground
- Preserving natural habitat - and increasing it
- Small playground, new native trees, and entry, bridge, continue existing sidewalk
- Trails and preserving existing woodland
- ADA path - great for parents w/strollers too. Playground and new trees around perimeter
- Playground
- Planting defining boundaries and making it more like a park
- Native plant restoration, running trail improvements, safety
- Playground; sidewalk/bike path; preservation
- Preserve the existing woodlands
- Native plant restoration and small playground
- All season soft usable running trail
- ADA access and native plant restoration and preservation
- Native plants
- Minimal enhancements. Enhancements done with native plants
- Native plants and trees
- Sidewalk completion/continuation; meadow protection and restoration; native trees; new bridge
- Preserve and enhance existing wetlands
- Playground

- Running trail preservation; it is essential - heavily used every day; small playground; ADA accessible path in that order
- Leaving as much natural area as possible; minimal development
- More trees and the bridge and ADA- accessible path
- Small Playground; new bridge; preserve running trail
- New bridge
- New bridge, running trail improvements, new native trees
- Playground
- Preserving and enhancing woodland and meadow, running trail, continuing sidewalk
- Accessible paths; playground; open meadows
- Enhance and restore meadows w/native plants
- Running path/new bridge, woodlands and meadow enhancement
- Pedestrian bridge - keep it simple
- The playground
- Enhance the existing woodlands and meadow areas
- Improved paths and trails; playground
- Meadow, paths, plants
- The addition of trees along the perimeter and the playground
- Leaving the natural aspect
- Playground - I hope it has safe equipment for toddlers
- New bridge crossing and designated paths where there currently are only worn spots on ground
- making the playground nice and keeping the area safe, clean and natural looking

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Playground
- New native trees; keep meadow areas open
- ADA - accessible path; we'd prefer no paved paths
- Playground
- Playground
- Playground
- Existing woodlands
- ADA accessible path thru the park
- I think all of it is useful to different groups of people. If forced to leave something out I would chose the playground
- Preservation of present meadows more important than the new planting
- Bridge
- Continue existing sidewalk
- Playground
- The park entry
- Info panel and/or playground
- Additional trees, sidewalk and playground
- None
- Playground
- Playground
- Woodland enhancement; park entry and info panel

- Playground and entry info panel
- Running trail, enhance woodland
- Info panel
- New bridge; ADA accessible path thru park? What is ADA?
- None

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- Nothing - it's a nice balance of preserving/restoring and new
- Some open space should be left for children's kite flying, frisbee, etc.
- Fine s is, as long as it is properly maintained
- More separation between playground and street
- Bigger playground
- Add dog bag and receptacle to clean up after pets
- None
- Anything possible to beautify the creek (visually, sound wise . . .)
- More rest area for joggers and others that walk the trail (benches, etc.)
- In general: nothing should be changed
- Make park entry very minimal. Trees and shrubs around playground to minimize noise
- I wonder how the intersection of running trail and ADA path will work - i.e. sawdust on path could be difficult for people with limited mobility, but could be no problem at all, too.
- It looks good to me
- Looks good the way it is
- As is looks great!
- Nothing
- Nothing - great concept
- See #3 [prefer no paved paths]
- Add restroom facilities
- Like plan
- Nothing
- Not too much vegetation around playground - open visibility for safety

5. *Other Comments?*

- Thank you so much! We very much look forward to these subtle but significant changes & very much look forward to the playground!
- This section of Amazon Park has been neglected for years. The complete concept furthered will bring back community to their own back yard.
- Good work!
- Lovely
- Great plan - do all of it
- Love the plan
- Keep it simple
- Looks good
- Nothing - great concept
- Nothing
- Looks great
- Thanks

- This looks great!
- Excellent plan
- Concept plan looks very good
- Thanks for soliciting input via mailing
- There is currently a berry thicket at the corner where the jogging path first approaches Alpine Loop (on the southern end) that is home to lots of birds. It should either be retained or replaced with some other dense low bushes
- A few low-intensity street lights in winter months are a safety consideration - especially on the NE area. Thank you for the opportunity to participate
- Need to enforce leash law
- Thanks for the survey!
- Great to see something growing and improving these days!
- I use the jogging path year-round. I like the way it is in the concept plan. Thank you.
- I support the idea that the park should be improved very minimally or not at all.
- Thanks for a good plan
- I have lived close to the park area for 48 years and have worked actively to see it be enlarged by 7 lots when the houses were built - it's been a long time with no improvements and I hope this will happen so people living closely can enjoy it.
- I like the bridge and any other effort to access the creek
- Thanks for asking
- Looks good
- This neighborhood could really use a playground withing walking distance. A nice meeting place for mothers
- This survey is a great way to get input on Eugene Parks and Open Space projects. Thanks!!
- Benches w/plantings to make inviting areas to commune with nature
- Thank you for getting neighborhood feedback!
- Would be against playground/entry if \$ was not available for upkeep, trash removal, etc.
- Just do it all. Thanks
- It's a nice plan already. Please don't over-improve it. It should remain bird friendly, too.
- Thank you for your work on this project
- Spend all the money here in our part of town. If the money isn't spent on this part then spend the money on another park or playground in our neighborhood!! Don't spend the money somewhere else!
- I appreciate the opportunity to reply to this survey. I do NOT agree with the small group "consensus" of Nov. 21. I would very much like to see Frank Kinney Park improved! Thank you.
- It would be great to include a small community garden space to grow food and unite neighbors. PLEASE go through with the concept plan!

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which the response to question #1 was marked
"Everything EXCEPT the playground":

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- A place for the walkers to rest and neighbors to place to meet - nothing at all on this end closest to Amazon - too busy and too far
- Native trees
- More native grasses and trees, new bridge most of all, the walking path for people and dogs
- Protection of native plants, added trees, ADA path and bridge
- Running trail enhancements, native plantings
- Preserve and enhance running trail
- Accessibility, with preservation and enhancement of native features
- Preserve and enhance running trail
- Native plants and trees, but not too many that the trails would become isolated

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Playground; our children come to the park for exercise and to observe trees, natural wildlife, birds
- Enhance meadow w/native plants
- ADA access. Too expensive to install and maintain
- Playground
- Playground, ADA access
- Playground, sidewalk
- Playground
- Playground
- Not enough children to find need for playground

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- Add improvements to heavily used running trail
- Marking mileage for walkers/runners - tenths of miles? Improve mud areas on running/walking trail
- Add a speed bump or two on both East and West Amazon, especially after Larch and Snell, traffic is too fast

5. *Other Comments?*

- A basic public restroom that would be locked at night if necessary. Lights on Martin Street and Alpine Loop
- Please make trail useable all year even on heavy rain conditions.
- Don't construct items that will be expensive to maintain
- A few picnic tables instead of a playground?
- It is a wonderful natural area that has brought us pleasure for 35 years. Hope to make meeting
- This area is used a lot. I come over a mile to walk my dogs
- We have been promised a park for YEARS. This is as close as we have come so far. Hurry.

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which the response to question #1 was marked
"Everything EXCEPT the playground and park entry area":

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Protecting and preserving existing meadow, plants and trees
- Preserve and enhance existing woodland and trail. Bridge would eliminate mud hole
averse impact. Protect native meadow.
- Running trail improvements, trees, bridge
- Preserve and enhance existing woodlands and new bridge
- Enhance with native plants and trees as shown; the bridge
- Preserve native plants and habitat for animals
- Preserve protect and enhance native woodland and meadows
- Keeping forest and keeping it natural and native
- Preserve and enhance existing woodland
- Trying to maintain natural quality of the woodland and meadow
- The goals of preservation and enhancement
- New native trees; protection of native meadows
- Leaving it as natural as possible, [like] Mt. Pisgah
- Running trail; foot bridge
- Leave park alone; addition of new bridge
- New bridge
- New bridge and preserving and enhancing existing woodland

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Playground - making design too rigid
- Playground and park entry. ADA accessible alternate trail. Just improve existing trail. No
concrete!
- Playground and info panel
- Things that will be vandalized
- Car access and playground
- Small playground
- Playground
- A special "entry" is unimportant
- The playground and entrance
- ADA accessible path
- The entrance sign and playground
- Playground
- Playground
- Playground and "entrance"
- Small playground
- Playground and sidewalks
- Playground and entry
- Info panel unnecessary
- Small playground and park entry area

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- Maybe a place for people to dispose of dog waste (trash cans)
- Less trees planted if you need to cut costs
- It should promote walking and running but not biking
- Eliminate #3 above [playground and entrance]
- There are few young children in the area but lots of older teens that would “hang out” in a playground
- Native plants and trees info panels at various species sites
- I like it
- “Enhancements” must not go overboard. Be subtle. Not much is needed.
- I do not like the idea of the ADA path crossing a bridge over the Amazon and running on the east of the Amazon. I would prefer it was along West Amazon and into the southern meadows.
- Don’t need playground if climbing rocks placed in that area
- Removal of all underbrush
- Just #3 above [playground and info panel]
- Move entry and playground
- Upgrade path - but not asphalt or concrete

5. *Other Comments?*

- Upgrade path - but not asphalt or concrete
- I am concerned about creating traffic on Martin and parking. It is already difficult for buses to get through.
- Both Martin and Alpine have good access. Amazon is designated “no parking” and would require curb cutting into the protected grassland.
- I would like to see this linked to the ridgeline trail as was proposed a while back
- If others really want playground it would be OK, but I don’t need it
- A small bench to sit on here and there would be nice but not necessary
- As money is tight, the playground is a better long term goal. I may be able to contribute planting time with a small group of children from the area
- Mostly people running or walking their dogs. Is there a need or planned use for the handicapped?
- This park is pleasant to stroll and run through as is. Agree that bulk of \$ should be spent on a more potentially high use park. I like the idea of the native plants and the bridge. I was not at the workshop.
- We walk through this area daily and would like to see it left as wild as possible.
- More drainage structures and facilities needed on trail to prevent puddling and mud holes
- Please put a trash can and/or dog waste bags somewhere on the plan

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which the response to question #1 was marked
"No Improvements":

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Enhance meadow w/native plants
- ADA access and running trail
- Individuals who use-maintain. If children play ball games there - then they should take pride in maintaining areas. Parents to successfully raise children need to give lots of love, companionship and teach the child that the world is not an easy world to live in, that to counter balance fun is responsibility and work. -Retired Scout Leader
- Extended sidewalks!
- Preserve natural area as much as possible
- Preserve & restore native meadow; preserve and enhance existing woodland
- Protect native meadow; preserve existing woodland
- Native trees
- Get out the blackberries
- Leaving this natural area as it is in the midst of suburbia with plenty of playgrounds in the area
- Except maybe regular bark-o-mulching of running trails when muddy; leave as natural as possible, unchanged
- Preserving woodlands
- Except maybe some new native trees
- Preserve and enhance cedar chip trail
- Restore and protect native meadow and maybe add native trees and plants
- Leaving it pretty much alone
- Native plants/ native trees
- Trees
- Post signs regarding no bikes on bark trail, & others to remind people to pick up after their dogs
- Maintain hiking/walking trail system w/adequate sawdust to avoid mud (Rexius does already?)
- None it is fine the way it is
- Enhance native plants
- This will disrupt our current quiet neighborhood
- Preserving and "enhancing" running trail
- Preserve and enhance existing woodland, running trail
- Maintenance of running path and woodland and banks of creek
- If there were to be any "improvements", it should only be the small playground - maybe few trees around it

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Park entry panel, more sidewalk - I want to feel the earth underfoot
- "Accessible" park entry w/info panel. Just another public work to victimize with graffiti
- The perceived wasteful need to do any improvement
- Playground
- Playground

- Bridge
- New Bridge
- Info panel - leave it natural!
- I don't want to see anything civilized or unnatural in this wild-looking place. It is magical and peaceful as it is.
- Playground
- Playground
- Concrete
- Playground, new trees, bridge, native meadow, ADA path
- Playground; sidewalks; accessible park entry w/info panel
- Playground; paved trail
- Playground; ADA accessible path; park entry
- Playground
- New plantings
- Small playground
- In general the less paving and construction the better

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- No playground
- No playground; no ADA accessible path (NO unnatural, non-natural additions)
- The draft concept plan should be scrapped. Leave the park as it is!!!
- No playground; no accessible park entry w/info panel; no sidewalks added or continued from existing sidewalk
- Existing trail needs drainage pipes in wet boggy areas. Keep the grass cut regularly so people can run around, fly kites, etc.
- No plan is needed
- Just leave it alone except for barking trail
- Leave area as it is. Just because there is \$ available, development isn't always desirable. It's nice to know there is an area that is more or less natural and undeveloped. Have you heard the owls?
- Get rid of the new bridge
- I support all efforts to reserve the natural habitats, and preserve what is already there. Just don't add anything!
- No lights! Light pollution
- Leaving things as is with the exception of some planting
- The ADA accessible path is nice. I'd keep that in mind for future development, but am concerned about people crossing W. Amazon at the entry point. Would there be a crosswalk?
- Cancel complete plan due to current economics of community.\
- It's a good plan! But let's spend the money on 4J.
- Recognition that you do not have to "create, enhance, develop" a natural area - it does it pretty well on its own. Nature is efficient. We should only try to "improve" it around the edges.

5. Other Comments?

- This is not a priority at all - funds should be used in the schools, for example!
- Spend money elsewhere or return money to taxpayers. Economy sucks now. Cut this and spend on schools instead.
- Make concentrated effort to eliminate graffiti in all public places, through apprehension and prosecution of offenders
- In economic times like these, it is best not to spend the money
- This is counter productive. The park has been in its current condition all these years. Leave the neighborhood alone!
- I agree that the money could be better spent elsewhere, such as purchasing land adjacent to upper Amazon Creek
- Let's put the money into the schools instead
- This area is great the way it is - please send the money somewhere it is really needed
- Money could best be spent elsewhere
- I agree w/statement in letter, that the \$ could be better spent on another development where there isn't already an open park-like area like the W. Amazon on Alpine.
- Although I would love to see this area developed, I don't think it is a good idea at this time due to our budget crisis. The money could be better spent elsewhere.
- At this time I think it best to leave things as is. This is far removed and money could be better spent in more settled area
- Foolish to spend \$ on this park in such an economy; could do more in many other areas
- Please don't add more "no" voters by spending money on this kind of project when it could be better used by other agencies. Park & Open Space is important to me, but this "improvement" seems awfully unnecessary at this time.
- Money needs to go elsewhere
- Small playground might be OK, but is it needed? School nearby (Fox Hollow). I love the open space - walk there on a clear night! Stars and moon are beautiful
- Please do not put a sidewalk thru the park! How horrid! This is a wild, natural-looking/feeling place. No concrete.
- We run daily on the trail along West Amazon and we think the area lovely the way it is and see no need for improvements. Spend the money elsewhere.
- I would like the area to stay the same and no park that is "built up" is required. People enjoy the area as is.
- It's beautiful as is - in its natural state
- As long as the City keeps the grass cut and looks out for poison oak, it'd be nice to see more wildlife like 20 or 30 years ago - like the deer - too many raccoons and opossums
- Don't need the sidewalk
- Who was Frank Kinney? Didn't know this area had a name. Native tree addition might be nice, but if situated as pictured, could pose a danger to runners by providing cover to potential muggers, etc. on Martin Street.
- I would like more information about the Amazon Creek
- I really, really do not want this "improvement"
- The current "unimproved" state of this area makes it a unique resource within the city limits - please don't change it.
- Thanks for the no-mow areas and please keep it up. It is so beautiful when the camass is in bloom!!

- Don't do anything to enclose the meadows. Public safety requires openness. A playground would lure little kids to an unsupervised hidden area. No residences face that spot to keep an eye on activities. Lots of young adults hang around Martin Street on foot and in parked cars.
- Parking there is already tight! Already enough traffic on Martin Street!
- If anything, we could have speed bumps in the street, some cars drive too fast on Center Way south of Nectar
- To reiterate: leave the park as it is!
- Vegetation additions OK, structural features added are not OK
- If "natural" appearing trails are necessary for access they would be OK
- God bless you! He alone saves!
- I think it is just great the way it is
- I like the area the way it is. Spend the money on preserving other parks - low maintenance is best
- I like the park unspoiled like it is

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which the response to question #1 was marked:
"Needs more (see question #4)":

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Keep the woodland and existing trails - need bigger playground
- Sidewalk and ADA accessible
- Restoring and protecting natural meadow vegetation
- Preserve and enhance woods and meadow and trails; playground!
- Keep it green, natural, yet also inviting
- Establish the concept of a park instead of an open area that is liable for abuse
- ADA path
- Preservation of the large meadow and woodland area, addition of small playground and new native trees
- Trees at edge
- Preserve the wildlife - enhance the area to support wildlife

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Continue existing sidewalk
- Playground
- Paved/concrete paths (double yuck!)
- I think that those that live next door expecting to have a wilderness for their pets are not in the majority
- Playground area and trees next to roads - the playground creates parking problems, the trees safety issues
- Small playground
- Everything else - add soccer field, one tennis court and one basketball court

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- Better base and depth of mulch on running path - NO PAVING
- You haven't included any active recreation for youth - this is what we voted for!!! You've missed the whole point and are only catering to a handful of environmentalists. You need to be more BALANCED, for God's sake!! Snap out of it.
- New trees hiding drugs and other criminal activities also increasing already existing problem of dogs running loose
- See #3. Plus the bridge should be moved to the crossing of Snell
- Medium playground instead of small
- Add a few benches, too, and maybe a water fountain near the creek
- I would like to see a grass field included for picnics or casual sports (throw or kick a ball around)
- Better drainage on the path
- We feel that putting in paved paths (especially one running alongside the woodland area) would ruin the wonderful "wild" feel of the area.
- Would like to see a few benches along the trails
- A horse shoe pitch added
- Playground in that one corner is a good idea - use signs to identify different species of flowers and shrubs

5. *Other Comments?*

- Please "mow it"! Drainage at the north end (trail) needs to be improved
- I like the concept with the exception of needing benches for resting, visiting, and/or reading
- We would rather have no "improvements" at all than a package that includes paved paths. Worst case scenario: paved paths surrounding a new soccer/baseball field (too depressing to contemplate).
- Better drainage so path is less muddy in the winter and spring. Perhaps raise the trail a bit so there are fewer low spots
- No park use monies to extend bike and walk ways the length of Amazon corridor - to improve safety due to high traffic by cars
- Any chance of developing the park at the top of Skyline Loop at the top of Barber Drive? Just places to park and an improved trail would be great.
- What about "resurfacing" the east branch of Amazon Creek?
- Threatening people and dogs
- Other than #4 [fix path, no paving], no improvement

Responses to questions #2 - #5 for which no response to question #1 was marked:

2. *What, if any, do you feel are the MOST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- Enhance running trail. Minimal otherwise
- Protecting the existing native plants in both woodlands and meadows, including meadow on W. Amazon where new entry is planned
- Preserve and enhance the running trail; also playground
- Play area for children

3. *What, if any, do you feel are the LEAST important elements of the draft Concept Plan?*

- More tree - no.
- New trees/plants
- Continuing sidewalk on Martin Street; playground; paved path; entry point on W. Amazon
- ADA-accessible entry - unless there has been a demonstrated need for this

4. *What, if anything, do you feel should be CHANGED on the draft Concept Plan?*

- I think there should be some street lights at the end of West Amazon, a park bench would be nice, and somewhere on the path a restroom
- Eliminate accessible park entry points and path (OK, but probably expensive for the # of people who are going to use it)
- Less trees to lurk in and definitely more play area for children - parks are for kids!
- Please do not plant any more trees - transients can hide there - also beer bottles, etc.

5. *Other Comments?*

- Please take use of a park for children to romp and play - area on map is way too small for play area for kids!
- Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Good luck!
- Trash can for dog waste bags might be nice
- 90% of the use of the park is by runners and walkers. However certain section are nearly impassable in winter, particularly a stretch of about 100 yards just south of the 1/4 mile marker on the east side. Gravel or washed stone added to the path would be single most useful park improvement.